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REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN

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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

TOWN OF LEBANON,

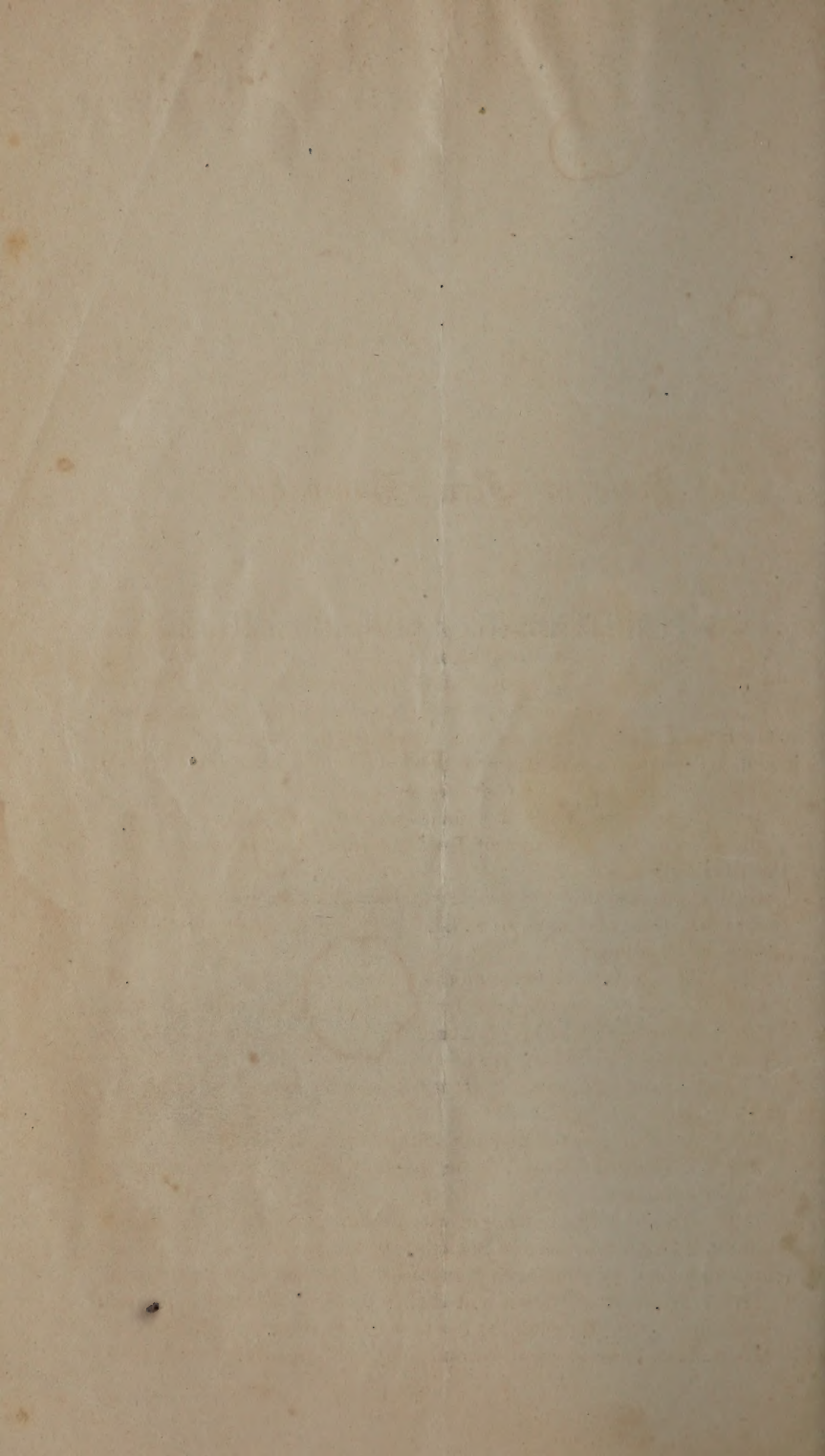
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1874.

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LEBANON:


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1874.



## State of New Hampshire.

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 L. S. } To the inhabitants of the town of Lebanon, qualified to vote in town affairs:  
You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3rd. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner, and Railroad Commissioner.
- 4th. To choose three or more Representatives, to represent said town in the General Court, to be held in Concord, on the first Wednesday of June next.
- 5th. To choose three Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- 6th. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- 7th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year.
- 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to repair Highways.
- 9th. To determine the division of the School Money.
- 10th. To hear the Report of the Auditors and the Superintending School Committee.
- 11th. To see if the Town will vote to allow the use of the Town Hall to all Organizations and Societies within said town, for public entertainments, by their paying expenses of the same, or act thereon.
- 12th. To see if the Town will abolish the School Districts therein agreeably to "An Act enabling towns to abolish school districts in certain cases," passed June session, 1870, and approved July 2, 1870.



13th. To hear the Report of the Committee appointed "to investigate the condition of the several school districts, and suggest such alterations as may be advisable and necessary," or act thereon.

14th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the sale of the lots in the new cemetery.

15th. To see if the Town will vote to establish a new School District in said town, comprising a portion of Districts No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4, in that portion of the town near Osgood's Mills, (so-called), or act thereon.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of Feb., A.D., 1874.

SOLON A. PECK,	} Selectmen of Lebanon.
JOHN T. BRECK,	
JOHN K. BUTMAN,	

A true copy of Warrant.

Attest,	{	SOLON A. PECK,	} Selectmen	
		JOHN T. BRECK,		of
		JOHN K. BUTMAN,		Lebanon.

## SELECTMEN'S AUDITED REPORT.

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The Selectmen of the town of Lebanon, consisting of SOLON A. PECK, JOHN T. BRECK, and JOHN K. BUTMAN, respectfully submit their Report of the Financial Affairs of the town of Lebanon, for the year ending March 1st, 1874.

### *Amount of Cash received from all sources:*

Cash on hand last Report,	\$4,501 13
Rec'd Thos. P. Freeman, rent of School,	20 00
Town of Alstead, Geo. H. Smith,	26 39
Circus License,	20 00
E. P. Liscomb, office rent to July 1st,	25 00
Lebanon Savings Bank,	2,000 00
Wm. H. Morris,	8 00
Lebanon Savings Bank,	1,000 00
County Pauper Account,	655 94
C. D. Jewett, grass on Common,	12 51
State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	250 51
Savings Bank Tax,	1,488 12
Railroad " "	3,710 43
Interest on State Bond to Jan. 1st,	900 00
Executors W. K. Eldridge Estate,	715 85
W. K. Eldridge Estate Income,	100 00
Mary H. Smith, borrowed,	2,000 00
State Treasurer, old Bounty claim,	143 20
" " reimbursement War Ac't,	109 00
Use of Oxen,	8 00
Elisha Ticknor, for Town Hall,	160 68
W. R. Heath, Collector, Dog Tax,	160 00
" " " General Tax,	20,796 33
" " Interest on Taxes,	36 29
E. P. Liscomb, Rent to April 1st,	75 00
Non-resident Bank Tax,	169 97
E. Ticknor, Liquor Agent,	101 82
Total amount of Cash Receipts,	\$39,193 68

## ORDINARY AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

*Amount of Cash paid the following Persons:*

Paid Goodrich & Baker, Town House,	\$70 16
Solon A. Peck, expenses to Haverhill,	9 10
E. H. Cheney, printing reports,	52 00
C. D. Hildreth, insurance premium,	20 00
“ “ “ “	40 00
C. H. Roberts, copy of war expenditures,	5 00
E. P. Liscomb, Postage Stamps,	2 00
Solon A. Peck, expenses to county farm,	6 60
“ “ wood for office,	6 00
Men of Engine Co., No. 2,	198 75
T. H. Currie, return births and deaths,	5 00
J. A. Davis, “ “ “	14 75
Patrick Murphy, labor on common,	10 60
Thos. Landers, “ “	14 50
N. B. Marston, 100 sign boards,	10 00
Quincy & Reynolds, painting “	30 90
A. W. Baker, services as moderator,	5 00
County of Grafton, tax	4,757 83
E. H. Cheney, printing school laws,	6 00
E. A. Howe, painting railing on bridge,	2 30
N. B. Marston, 15 guide boards,	6 75
D. G. Phelps, labor West Lebanon cemetery,	5 00
C. A. Downs, surveying and maps,	100 00
State tax,	7,014 00
S. A. Peck, expenses to Concord,	6 90
Pike & Blodgett, Church street execution,	147 00
C. M. Hildreth, hardware, &c.,	76 73
H. W. L. Thurston, special police,	51 00
C. H. Clark, street signs,	2 60
N. W. Morse, posts for old cemetery.	8 00
N. C. Bridgman, selling grass,	1 00
A. Russel, on sign boards,	2 25
Goodrich & Baker, town hall, cemetery, &c.,	38 50
Searching records,	3 50
Quincy & Reynolds, sign-boards, &c.,	32 40
W. H. Richardson, stationery, books, &c.,	16 50
O. D. Hildreth, premium,	40 00
C. B. Griswold, special Police,	60 00
“ “ searching records,	2 00
L. Hinkley, labor and painting cemetery fence,	35 15
C. A. Field, insurance premium,	60 00
J. L. Spring, services on Church st. suit,	79 90



Paid C. M. Hoffman, repairs on clock,	\$2 00
Police,	15 00
E. Ticknor, alcohol for engine,	8 75
“ care of clock,	25 00
A. C. Rowe, cartage,	2 00
F. L. Owen, superintending schools,	55 00
A. B. Rich, “ “	33 13
E. H. Cheney, printing,	4 25
Asa Fowler, services,	5 00
W. R. Heath, collecting taxes,	419 12
E. J. Durant & Son, sundries,	9 23
“ “ Recording and Town Clerk,	54 00
S. A. Peck, Selectman and Treasurer,	345 00
J. T. Breck, “	140 00
J. K. Butman, “	88 00
P. E. Davis, Auditor,	8 00
J. W. Gerrish, “	3 00
O. W. Burnap, “	3 00
W. R. Heath and C. H. Tilden, tax refunded,	24 20
“ “ abatement and over-taxes,	63 09

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Total amount paid, \$14,362 44

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid O. T. Purmort, land damage,	\$150 00
H. S. Billings, “ “	15 00
H. S. Hall, “ “	12 00
W. S. Parker, “ “	20 00
William Wright, “ “	40 00
Joseph White, “ “	5 00
J. W. Gerrish, “ “	50 00
Chas. Craft, “ “	8 00
Amos Jones, “ “	30 00
Benjamin Flood, old bill,	10 00
Deposited with J. K. Butman for Wm. Gates,	25 00
Nelson Gile,	61 29
Hurlburt & Emerson, lumber,	116 79
E. Alford, damage to carriage,	12 00
Z. A. Cook, hay,	14 75
T. B. Alexander, lumber,	10 68
Frederick May, labor,	120 00
G. N. Hall, building new road,	128 00
T. Osgood, on Hinckley bridge,	15 75
Webster Butman, “ “	15 75

Paid C. D. Banks, on Hinckley bridge,	\$12 00
Goodrich & Baker, cemetery bridge,	172 29
Webster Butman, wood culvert,	33 75
C. H. Emerson,	100 00
Burnham & Flint, lumber,	12 50
J. W. Gerrish,                   “	230 98
J. K. Butman, 3 bills lumber,	137 43
Canfield & Bates, blacksmithing,	20 34
F. P. Flynn, old bill gravel,	30 87
David Walker, damage,	10 00
Benj. Colburn, lumber,	49 00
Cole & Bugbee, iron work,	35 43
A Balch, labor,	271 62
Charles Bushwa, labor,	138 50
Shaw & Hurlbutt, meal bill,	54 40
G. E. Elliott, repairs on carts,	31 84
James Wood, lumber,	61 37
P. H. Freto & Son, stone work on bridge,	940 24
Dan Storrs, damage to carriage,	4 75
P. E. Davis, for hired man's labor,	6 00
J. A. Templeton, labor,	128 72
A. Decato, wood culvert,	22 00
T. Osgood,                       “	33 75
Total amount paid,	<hr/> \$3,397 79

## TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid for Hull family	210 18
Moses Seavy,	92 00
Thomas Hardy,	152 00
Stephen Thurston,	147 75
Pencival family,	228 19
Winfred Roberts,	70 63
Thomas Flynn's family, for supplies furnished, \$687.40; deduct for cash rec'd for boy's labor, rent, etc., \$98.33,	580 15
Total amount paid,	<hr/> \$1,489 00

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for transient paupers,	\$52 16
E. Paro,	26 05
Asa Wood and wife,	151 00
Anson Sprague,	6 00
James Simmons,	5 87

NOTE. The item of supplies for Thomas Flynn's family, page 8, should be \$687.48, instead of \$687.40; and the balance \$589.15, instead of \$580.15. These are misprints. It might also be stated, that the County owe the town \$52 for board of Mrs. Donahue in Mrs. Flynn's family, which amount is to be deducted from the balance here given, leaving the actual net cost of supplies to the Flynn family. \$537.15.



Paid for Mary A. Spencer,	\$26 50
Julia A. Crown,	121 79
Elias Jenks' family,	16 17
Mrs. Donahue,	154 20
Louis Bovin,	3 23
James Hutchinson, Esq.,	1 50
R. Hebert,	15 02
Mrs. Whitmore,	30 00
Oliver Wright and family,	25 12
L. B. Bailey,	7 80
Abbie Carlisle,	33 00
Uriah Rand,	10 00
Total amount paid	<u>\$685 40</u>

## NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Savings Bank notes and interest,	\$3,034 40
“ “ interest on notes,	219 00
“ “ “ “	182 50
E. D. Emerson, interest,	102 00
C. C. Benton, Executor,	72 33
“ “ Mary A. Greenough's note,	451 58
Mary E. Chellis' note and interest,	260 00
Joseph P. Westgate, Davison's note,	75 00
Town Coupons due July 1st, 1873,	1,035 00
“ “ Jan. 1st, 1874,	749 10
Lydia Blodgett, interest,	18 00
J. P. Westgate, Davison's note and interest,	369 66
Orin Hubbard,	120 00
Total,	<u>\$6,688 57</u>

## NEW CEMETERY.

Paid G. Billings, labor,	\$12 00
N. R. R., freight on posts,	21 00
T. D. Merrill, labor,	2 00
G. B. Billings on tomb,	24 00
Michael Faley, labor,	132 00
Daniel Driscoll,	150 18
F. A. Cushman's expenses,	11 25
Winnepisseogee Paper Co.,	55 00
John Clark for boards,	175 90
P. H. Freto & Son on tomb,	625 00
Cole, Bugbee & Co. for doors to tomb,	63 92
Total amount paid,	<u>\$1,272 25</u>

## DOG ACCOUNT.

Paid on dog account as per last report,	\$100 50
Amount recovered for taxes on dogs,	\$160 00
Due Geo. N. Hall, damages,	4 00
Bradlee True,       “	14 00
Nathaniel Hall,   “	6 00
School Districts,	136 00
	———— \$160 00

See in account of Liabilities,

## E. TICKNOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN HALL, DR.

1873.

Feb'y 23.	Rec'd Jos. Langlois,	\$6 00
March 1.	McFarland,	60 00
“ 11.	A. E. Hough,	6 00
April 9.	G. E. Durant,	6 00
“ 20.	Skipp & Gaylord,	20 00
“ 30.	Jos. Langlois,	6 00
May 1.	Austin & Lord,	15 00
“ 7.	E. H. Thompson,	12 00
“ 10.	H. P. Dudley,	8 00
“ 18.	Temperance lecture,	4 00
June 3.	Amos Jones,	4 00
“ 5.	Glee Club,	5 00
July 19.	N. Sargent,	5 00
Aug'st 1.	C. C. Benton,	1 90
“ 6.	E. H. Thompson,	2 00
“ 7.	C. C. Beedle,	15 00
“ 8.	James Hayward,	15 00
“ 25.	Jubilee Troupe,	15 00
Sept. 5.	A. Aspinwall,	6 00
“ 13.	N. O. Minstrels,	15 00
“ 23.	Agricultural Society,	4 00
Oct. 24.	A. Aspinwall,	6 00
Nov. 8.	Elfin Star Troupe,	18 00
“ 26.	J. H. Bailey,	15 00
Dec. 22.	Captain Bulkley,	5 00

1874.

Jan'y 1.	Boston Comedy Company,	31 00
“ 16.	A. W. Baker,	6 00
“	M. A. Tenney,	4 00
Feb'y 11.	H. P. Goodrich,	15 00
“ 16.	Lecture Committee,	80 00
“ “	E. H. Thompson, Glee Club,	20 00



Feb'y 16.	Rev. Mr. Hayford,	\$5 00
" 18.	E. P. Liscomb, gas for post office,	15 00
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		\$450 00

## E. TICKNOR IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN HALL, CR.

1873.

Paid D. J. Goss & Co., gasoline,	\$128 40
Freight on gasoline,	15 22
W. L. Martin, 8 cords wood,	52 00
John Worthen, 1       “	7 00
F. P. Flynn, wood,	5 75
6 bushels coal,	1 50
2 brooms,	1 50
Drafts and stamps,	1 00
Sawing Wood,	4 00
Taking care hall,	72 95
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	\$289 32
Paid town,	160 68
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	\$450 00

## E. TICKNOR'S TOWN LIQUOR AGENT REPORT, FEB. 16, 1874.

Amount sales for the year,		\$1,788 47
Purchased to Feb. 16, 1874,	\$1,566 65	
Paid town,	101 32	
E. Ticknor, agent,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,788 47
Liquors on hand Feb. 17, 1873,	\$283 10	
“ “ “ 16, 1874,	279 01	
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	\$4 09	

NO. SALES AND AMOUNT SOLD FROM FEB. 17, 1873, TO  
FEB. 16, 1874.

Alcohol, mechanical,	66 sales,	24 19-32 gallons,
" medicinal,	1455 "	167 "
Whiskey,	" 910 "	98 26-32 "
Medford rum,	" 403 "	52 3-4 "
American gin,	" 579 "	67 1-2 "
Holland gin,	" 311 "	33 1-2 "
Brandy,	" 222 "	13 1-2 "
Wine,	" 30 "	2 5-8 "
Ale & porter,	" 174 "	204 bottles.

## AMOUNT ON HAND FEB. 16, 1874.

36	gallons	Alcohol,	\$2 50	per gallon,	\$90 00
23	"	Whiskey,	4 05	"	93 15
20	"	Medford rum,	1 80	"	36 00
4 3-4	"	American gin,	\$2 05	"	9 73
1 3-4	"	Brandy,	8 20	"	14 35
1 3-4	"	Wine,	3 50	"	6 12
26	bottles	Porter,	31	per bottle,	8 06
6	casks,				12 00
8	Demijohns,				6 60
Faucets, measures and tunnels,					3 00

\$279 01

E. TICKNOR, Town Agent.

GRAFTON, SS., LEBANON, Feb. 17, 1874.

Then appeared Elisha Ticknor and made oath that the foregoing is a true account of the purchases, sales, &c., of liquors, by him made during the past year.

Before me, SOLON A. PECK, Justice Peace.

## DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District.	Scholars.	Division, 1873.	Unpaid, 1872.	Total.	Paid.	Now due.
1	11	98 11	131 28	229 39	150 00	79 39
2	120	491 20	19 08	510 28	485 00	25 28
3	51	218 51	71 33	289 84	177 00	112 84
4	25	140 25	63 92	204 17	143 00	61 17
5	7	86 07	20 14	106 21	96 00	10 21
6	8	89 08	2 61	91 69	12 00	79 69
7	23	134 23		134 23	134 23	
8	27	146 27	28 60	174 87	132 00	42 87
9	22	131 22		131 22	131 22	
10	47	206 47	44 08	250 55	210 00	40 55
11	21	128 21		128 21	128 21	
12	77	296 77	193 28	490 05	403 00	87 05
13	65	260 65	109 12	369 77	284 00	85 77
14 & 15	437	1770 37		1,770 37	1,770 37	
16	12	191 12	73 60	174 72	137 50	37 22
Gile.		10 32		10 32	10 32	
953		\$4,308 85	\$757 04	\$5,065 89	\$4,403 85	\$662 04

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned having been appointed Treasurer of the town of Lebanon, by the Selectmen thereof, most respectfully makes the following Report, viz :

Dr. To cash received from the Selectmen  
and all other sources, \$39,193 66

Cr. By paid orders of the Selectmen, as  
per items in the Selectmen's Report, 32,400 70

Amount of cash on hand, \$6,792 96

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SOLON A. PECK, Treasurer.



## LIST OF NOTES AND OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

*Due from the Town, with Interest to March 1st, 1873.*

Orin Hubbard,	\$2,030 00
Elotia Hoffman,	84 55
Polly Loomer,	357 30
Jonathan Emerson, 2d,	681 15
“ “ “	406 06
C. C. Benton & W. S. Ela, Ex's,	1,029 81
E. M. Carr,	207 76
Amanda Adams,	579 10
E. D. Emerson,	1,028 50
“ “	718 90
Jonathan Emerson, 2d,	325 95
Lydia Blodgett,	303 00
Edson Blaisdell,	119 66
James Walker,	3377 65
Adoniram Smalley, not reported in '73,	242 75
Lebanon Savings Bank, two notes,	5,000 00
C. C. Benton and W. S. Ela. Executors,	723 00
Mary H. Smith,	2010 00

	<hr/> \$19,225 14
Town Bonds,	\$30,000 00
Interest on same,	206 00
Coupons due, unpaid, payable in gold,	240 90
Due the several school districts,	662 04
on dog tax of 1872 as per report,	45 50
sundry persons for dog damage to sheep,	24 00
school districts balance of dog tax, 1873,	136 00
J. W. Gerrish, land damage,	20 00
Caroline Wiggin, land damage,	20 00
P. H. Freto & Son, balance due on settlement,	200 00

Total indebtedness,	<hr/> \$50,779 58
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## A S S E T S.

Amount of cash on hand,	\$6,792 96
Due on county pauper account,	665 04
Liquor in E. Ticknor's hands,	279 01
Due from Thos. Freeman, rent of school lot,	20 00
Carts and tools,	75 00
1 yoke of oxen,	200 00
State bonds,	15,000 00
Interest on State bonds to March 1st,	150 00
Lot of land on Sweatland farm,	825 00

Total assets,	<hr/> \$24,007 01
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## RECAPITULATION, DR.

Total amount cash received by the Selectmen, \$39,193 66

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Paid ordinary and incidental,	\$14,362 44
highways and bridges,	3,397 79
town paupers,	1,489 90
county paupers,	685 40
notes and interest,	6,688 57
new cemetery,	1,272 25
dog damages,	100 50
public schools,	4,403 85
	<hr/> \$32,400 70

Balance on hand, 6,792 96

Total amount town's liability as per  
statement, \$50,779 58

Total amount assets, 24,007 01

Town liabilities over and above assets, \$26,772 57

Indebtedness last report \$27,267 72

Indebtedness March 1, as above, 26,772 57

Decrease of indebtedness last year, \$495 05

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

SOLON A. PECK,	} Selectmen of Lebanon.
JOHN T. BRECK,	
JOHN K. BUTMAN,	

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, Auditors, do hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing statement, to which the Selectmen of the Town of Lebanon have affixed their names thereunto, and the vouchers of each and every item therein contained, and believe them to be correct; and the vouchers, consisting of the paid coupons of the Town Bonds, payable July 1st, 1873, amounting to the sum of \$900, to which add gold premium, 15 per cent., making \$135 premium; also coupons payable February 1, 1874, the sum of \$681, add 10 per cent. premium, say \$68.10, making the total sum of \$1784.10 paid interest on Town Bonds. And to prevent the future appearance of the said coupons, they were burned in the presence of the Selectmen and Auditors. The Assets and Liabilities of the Town are fully set forth under their proper heads, excepting there is a suit against the Town in the Supreme Judicial Court for the laying out a public Highway past the Congregational Church, in which a hearing will be had.

P. E. DAVIS,	} Auditors.
J. W. GERRISH,	
O. W. BURNAP,	



# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

*Summer Term.* Emma J. Hall, teacher. A careful review of several of the classes near the close of the term showed a thorough knowledge on the part of the pupils of the ground they had passed over. The school was under good discipline. Miss Hall is a faithful and successful teacher.

*Winter Term.* Teacher, Miss Mary L. Durkee, who has labored with her usual faithfulness and success. She was engaged for a term of twelve weeks; but her services were secured two weeks longer, at the close of the first engagement, an arrangement alike creditable to the teacher and the district.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

HIGHER DEPARTMENT. Teacher, Miss Irene S. Clark, a graduate of the State Normal School. Miss Clark has spent the year in this department, and during the Summer Term had the children also from the Primary School. This proved to be an injury to the school, as it was not possible for any teacher to do justice to so large a number of classes as became necessary.

In the Autumn the school was divided and the term was a successful one, accomplishing all the committee could have desired. The *Winter Term* was not equally successful, as some of the older pupils were too unstable in their attendance to make satisfactory progress, or become much interested in their studies. It cannot be that parents realize how much their children lose by allowing this instability in their attendance; how much the labor of the teacher is increased thereby; or how much inattention and disorder are introduced into the school room. Miss Clark's labors have been successful, notwithstanding the numerous hindrances to the best results. She is a laborious teacher, gentle and genial in her intercourse with her pupils, enthusiastic in her chosen profession, and qualified to give the most thorough instruction.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. During the Autumn and Winter this Department has been under the care of Miss M. C. Morris, a teacher of experience, tact and good administrative ability. She has raised the standard of thought and attainment, and laid the foundation for the best results in the future.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

*Summer Term.* Teacher, Miss Lottie N. Estabrook. This was an unusually successful term. The Prudential Committee had pro-

vided several of the seats with footstools to the great increase of the comfort of the little ones, and purchased a beautiful map of the world and North America. At the closing examination the recitations showed that the instruction had been careful and correct. The writing books had been neatly kept and showed good progress. Only one case of whispering had occurred during the term.

*Fall Term.* Teacher as above. Miss Estabrook taught with her usual success.

*Winter Term.* The District were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Frances A. Hyde, who has taught several terms in town before successfully. The term was too short to accomplish much—only 10 weeks. Had two or four weeks been added, the benefit to the pupils would doubtless have been doubled. It is a great mistake to close our winter schools so early, as the time is of little or no worth to the children, except for study.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

This district is still without a school house. There was no school in the Summer.

The *Fall Term* was held in the house of Mr. Jeremiah Wood. Teacher, Miss Emma Eaton, who was successful in securing order and a thorough commitment of rules and definitions. The term, though short, was a profitable one.

The *Winter School* was held in the house of Mr. Edward C. Hall, and taught by Miss Lottie N. Estabrook, who labored with her accustomed fidelity and with as good success as could have been expected under the circumstances.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Teacher, Miss Ella B. Martin. This was Miss Martin's first effort as a teacher and she was quite successful. This district sadly needs a new house for the encouragement of both teachers and pupils.

*Winter Term.* Miss Mary M. Wood made her *debut* as a teacher. The committee has never seen the school under better discipline, or making greater progress than it was during the latter part of this term. Miss Wood gives promise of making a superior teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

*Winter Term* only. Miss Hardy. This school is now in session. Its appearance was good, when visited. We think the teacher is doing well.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

*Fall and Winter Terms.* Miss Lizzie S. Balch. We were well pleased with the condition of this school, during the entire year. Teacher competent; progress good; and the scholars gentlemanly and lady-like in their deportment. A little more enthusiasm and clearness of utterance, on the part of the scholars, in their exercises, would have improved the appearance of this school.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

*Summer Term.* Miss Carrie L. Low. This was the teacher's first school. She has many qualities requisite for a good teacher, and gave we believe, general satisfaction.

*Winter Term.* Miss Sarah Gile. We believe she always answers every reasonable expectation, of any district in which she engages.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

*Summer Term.* Miss Sarah Gile. Her long experience, seldom fails of securing the most favorable results.

*Fall Term.* Miss Lizzie M. Cushman. She did well. She has fine attainments for one so young. Experience will perfect her in discipline and the best *methods of instruction*.

In the teacher of the *Winter Term*, Miss Angie E. Hadley, all the wants and demands of the District, not only in intellectual requirements, but in discipline and thoroughness of instruction, were fully satisfied. In this school we found some fine readers and excellent scholars, who were eager to improve.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

*Two Terms.* Miss Ella F. Parmelee. We regard her as a good teacher. There seemed to be a greater degree of interest manifested in the Winter than in the Summer School. Her care and anxiety for the best good of her pupils, could not well fail of securing favorable results. The examination at the close of the school, was very commendable.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

*Summer Term.* Miss Emma J. Whipple. She seemed devoted to her work, and succeeded well.

*Fall Term.* Miss Myra E. Williams. The order and general appearance of this school under her care, when visited, left a very favorable impression of its usefulness.

*Winter Term.* Miss Hattie A. Freeman, This was a good school; quiet, orderly, and ambitious. The prompt and enthusiastic manner with which the pupils engaged in all their exercises, reflected credit upon themselves, as well as upon their teacher.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

*Summer Term.* Miss Hattie A. Freeman. She enters upon the duties of the school room with a relish that never fails of its reward. Under her tuition this school was made a model for discipline. Her devotion to her work was amply repaid by the improvement made by the pupils under her care.

*Fall Term.* Miss Carrie B. Chapman. The total lack of discipline rendered this school comparatively worthless. We see here the varied results of the same school in different hands and under different management.

*Winter Term.* Mr. George Goodhue. Addressing himself ear-



nestly to his task, he at once gained the respect and esteem of his pupils. Here we saw again, order restored, and the scholars well instructed in the various studies pursued. The closing examinations were good. Blackboard needs repairing.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

*Summer Term.* Miss Olive S. Moore. Her unfitness for the duties of her situation soon became apparent. The Prudential Committee, ever watchful of the best interests of the school, wisely brought it to a premature close.

*Fall and Winter Terms.* Miss Nettie L. Bartlett. It is with pleasure that we visit such a school as this. The methods of instruction, the general good order, mutual sympathy, and the personal and untiring efforts of the teacher, all tended to produce a healthy competition and good results.

#### DISTRICT No. 14 & 15.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Two terms. Miss Lizzie M. Cushman. The *Summer Term* was her first. A little better order would have improved its appearance. But profiting by experience, she made the winter school very interesting and profitable, and in all respects worthy of praise.

SECOND DEPARTMENT. *Summer and Winter.* Miss Frances M. Smith. Her services having been sought for the second year, is sufficient evidence of her reputation as a teacher.

THIRD DEPARTMENT. *Summer Term.* Miss Millie L. Philbrick. Well qualified, but wanting in energy and discipline.

*Winter Term.* Mr. Fred L. Owen. Master of his situation, he remodeled this school, greatly improved its appearance, and elevated its standard of scholarship. The punctuality of attendance in this school is worthy of note.

FOURTH DEPARTMENT. *Summer Term.* Miss Nellie F. Smalley. No comments needed. We regret that her name is not found upon our list of teachers for the Winter. We think her services more needed in the school room than behind the counter.

*Winter Term.* Miss Alice F. Hinkley. We class her among our best teachers. As the successor of a favorite instructor in this department she was made the subject of criticism, but in our opinion without a cause. Her school always appeared well when visited.

FIFTH DEPARTMENT. *Summer and Winter Terms.* Mr. N. P. Sargent. In the short space we allow ourselves to occupy, we can give but a brief report of the operations of this school for the past year. Mr. Sargent came to us laden with experience. Engaging with zeal, and great personal effort, in the task necessarily arduous, in so large a school and so imperfectly graded, he endeavored to elicit thought, excite his pupils to emulation, and secure the highest intellectual results. The examination showed how well he accomplished his end. Scholars active, intelligent, and well advanced. If there was anything wanting to make this a first-class school it would be found in the lack of that rigid and efficient discipline so much needed in a school like this.

#### NORTH SIDE.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. *Summer Term.* Miss Emily Liscomb.

*Winter Term.* Miss Ellen S. Pettengill. This was a good school, well taught and well governed. A good teacher, with a good record.

*SECOND DEPARTMENT. Two Terms.* Miss Sarah A. Mason.

*Summer Term* passed creditably.

We regret to say that for the *Winter School* we cannot give her as good a report as she might be capable of attaining in many places. A lack of discipline and adaptation, combined with certain froward elements in this school, served greatly to interfere with its prosperity and advancement.

#### DISTRICT No. 16.

*Summer Term.* Miss Mary Stockwell. Outside influence seemed to interfere with her duties in the school room. She left without fulfilling her engagement. The brevity of *such* schools constitutes their chief merit.

*Winter Term.* Miss Myra E. Williams. A good teacher. Those who availed themselves of her instruction made good improvement. This district seems peculiarly unfortunate in its school relations. Children who do not receive at home judicious instruction and proper training in relation to their duties in the school room are often a fruitful source of trouble in our schools.

We have watched with a good degree of satisfaction, and with great care and solicitude, the management and progress of the schools in this town during the past year. We think upon the whole that our schools have been conducted with ability, and no inconsiderable degree of improvement made. Yet we regret to be obliged to report some, that they have not been all we could have desired. Of those who have been employed to instruct, we may say that all were not born to rule, all were not apt to teach.

Our best teachers are liable to mistakes, and errors in judgment; and we would here caution parents, guardians, and friends also, not to make *them* the *prime* offenders, lest you destroy your schools, waste your money, and work a permanent injury to your children.

We would recommend that in our primary departments more oral instruction be employed, to give the pupils their first ideas of geography, numbers, and the use of language. "The eye," says one, "is the royal sense;" therefore there should be much knowledge imparted through the medium of the eye, by the use of maps, charts, blackboards, &c., in all the different grades of our schools. Our schools, as far as possible, should be made self-instructors, for, says Horace Mann, "The one great fault in our schools is, that there is too much *'telling'* and not enough *'training.'*" There is too much learning by "rote," which gives the appearance of knowledge to the neglect of *principles*, which are of prime importance. Too much attention is given to the learning of rules, too little to a perfect understanding, and practical application of them. A good education is a priceless heritage.

We trust that the citizens of District No. 14 & 15, will not forget the importance, and *imperative* necessity of giving early and active attention to the perfecting of all necessary arrangements for putting into operation the coming season the contemplated Graded School, for which a fine building is now being completed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. RICH,	} S. S. Committee.
CHAS. A. DOWNS,	
F. L. OWEN,	



# Table of Schools.

District.	Terms.	TEACHERS	Length in weeks.	Wages per month, including Board.	Whole number of scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of visits by S. S. Com.
1	1	Emma J. Hall,	12	\$32 00	8	6	2
	2	Mary L. Durkee,	Regis	ter not	retur	ned.	
2	1	Irene S. Clark,	11	35 50	47	33	6
	2	Irene S. Clark,	8	34 00	18	15½	5
	3	Irene S. Clark,	12	41 00	30	25	3
	1	M. C. Morris,	8	25 00	23	21	2
	2	M. C. Morris,	12	28 00	24	22	2
3	1	Lottie N. Estabrook,	10	18 00	30	21	2
	2	Lottie N. Estabrook,	12	18 00	26	18	2
	1	Frances A. Hyde,	10	26 00	22	20	2
4	1	Emma A. Eaton,	6	21 00	11	10½	0
	2	Lottie N. Estabrook,	12	20 00	14	12	2
5	1	Ella B. Martin,	8	12 00	8	7	2
	2	Mary W. Wood,	12	20 00	10	8	2
6	1		Scho	ol in	s	essio	n.
7	1	Lizzie S. Balch,	10	24 00	22	15	2
	2	Lizzie S. Balch,	12	24 00	12	11	2
8	1	Carrie L. Low,	10	18 00	12	8	2
	2	Sarah Gile,	11	24 00	12	10	2
9	1	Sarah Gile,	11	22 00	10	9	2
	2	Lizzie M. Cushman,	8	22 00	14	11	2
	3	Angie E. Hadley,	8	30 00	13	12½	2
10	1	Ella F. Parmelee,	14		32	24	2
	2	Ella F. Parmelee,	12		42	33	2
11	1	Emma J. Whipple,	8	20 00	10	9	2
	2	Myra E. Williams,	5	26 00	17	15	2
	3	Hattie A. Freeman,	9	34 00	12	11	2
12	1	Hattie A. Freeman,	12	28 00	42	26	2
	2	Carrie B. Chapman,	8	28 00	31	24	3
	3	George Goodhue,	12	42 00	23	15	2
13	1	Olive S. Moore,	7	30 00	28	24	2
	2	Nettie L. Bartlett,	10	36 00	35	30	3
	3	Nettie L. Bartlett,	10	40 00	35	30	3
14	1	Lizzie M. Cushman,	12	24 00	44	32	4
&	1	Frances M. Smith,	12	32 00	45	36	3
15	1	Millie L. Philbrick,	12	32 00	21	17	4
	1	Nellie F. Smailley,	Regis	ter not	retur	ned.	
	1	N. P. Sargent,	12	36 00	45	42	4
	1	Emily Liscomb,	Regis	ter wa	nting.		
	1	Sarah A. Mason,	12	30 00	42	33	2
	2	Lizzie M. Cushman,	12	28 00	31	25	3
	2	Frances M. Smith,	12	38 00	44	39	3
	2	Fred L. Owen,	12	40 00	27	27	4
	2	Alice F. Hinkley,	12	40 00	29	26	5
	2	N. P. Sargent,	12	96 00	66	55	7
	2	L. Ellen Petengill,	12	32 00	53	38	7
	2	Sarah A. Mason,	12	45 00	45	30	5
16	1	Mary Stockwell,	10	22 00	10	8	1
	2	Myra E. Williams,	12	22 00	13	9	3





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